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RECIPIENT FOR: Director of Operations

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SUBJECT: Logistical Support Available at [REDACTED] and Indochina

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Reference discussion between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
the following information is submitted on the facilities and logistic support available at [REDACTED] and Indochina:

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FACILITIES:-

1. The present program to support Air Forces' "Black Flight" Program are such that facilities are available in support of AQUARIUS at [REDACTED] with the minimum modifications necessary. A further breakdown of facilities is presented below:

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a. Sufficient personal equipment space is available including air conditioning, dehumidification, dry closets, rub-down tables, and shower and latrine facilities.

b. A Fly-Away Kit storage space has been built to include screening to insure supply security.

c. Sufficient room for engine-build-up is available including overhead monorails and hoists.

d. Space is available for the Commander, Administrative Personnel, Finance, Operations Planning, Briefing Room, Flight Surgeon Facilities, Intelligence, Security, and other such support activities.

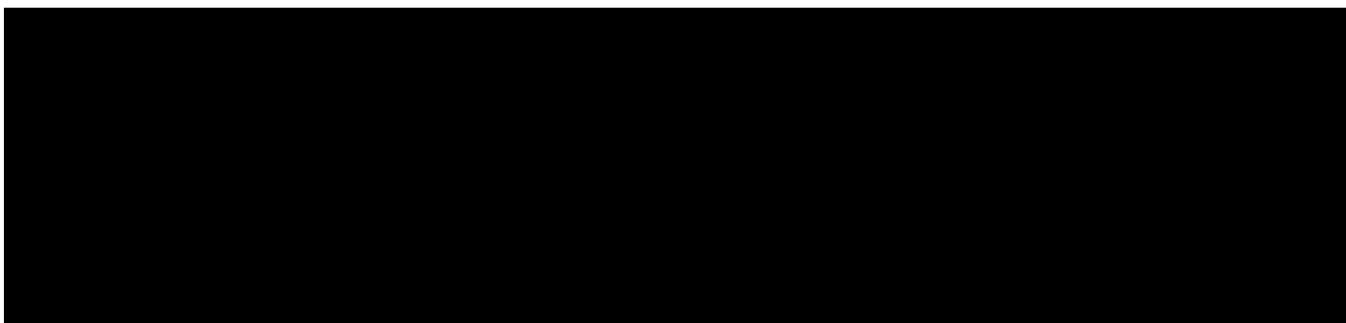
e. Offices are available in lean-to's attached to the hangar for all engineering and logistic personnel as well as camera repair facilities and a small dark room.

f. An adjoining building contains sufficient space for all communications repair including both ground and airborne communication equipment.

g. Sufficient space is available for installation of special equipment to give the project the capability of a small machine and sheetmetal shop.

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2. Modifications necessary to facilities at [REDACTED] are relatively minor; however, would require a minimum lead time of two weeks to modify utilizing a high priority. This would include a modification of one room to fulfill the requirements of a cryptographic center. It would also include the enlargement of the present dark room facilities as well as additional air conditioning to take care of temperature and humidity control necessary to the maintenance of certain technical equipment being utilized by the Project. Additionally, security control would probably require lighting on the hanger to be utilized by AGATONE as well as the adjoining hangars. This would require the expenditure of up to \$12,000.00 per hanger. Necessary lead-time to install this would approach three to four weeks after receipt of fund citations.

25X1A6a **LOGISTIC SUPPORT:-****LABORATORY:-****FACILITIES:-**

1. Facilities in support of Project AGATONE at Kedone are limited. One hanger 140 feet by 160 feet with 40 by 160' Butler-type "lean-to's" on each side can be made available to the Project; however, it must be pointed out that this hanger contains no doors on either end nor any permanent lighting facilities. Contracts have been let for the lighting of both the hanger and the lean-to's with estimated completion date of 1 November 1956. The contract has progressed to the extent that the Air Force has over \$60,000.00 involved which they could not recover in case the Project decided to rewire the hanger independent of present commitments. The program for installation of doors on the hangars has been turned down in every master plan submitted, including that for fiscal year 1957. As a result there is no immediate indication that doors will be available within the near future.

2. Maintenance facilities at Kedone are extremely limited. Any acquisition by Project AGATONE of facilities necessary to accomplish the assigned mission and maintain any degree of security would cause a major displacement of operating units presently located at Kedone.

3. Biliating is available, however, it is sub-marginal and should be renovated prior to use by Project personnel.

4. Any utilization of Ibadan by AGATONE would require a major expenditure of funds as well as a major reconstruction and modification program. Facilities at Ibadan can be made suitable for Project use provided a minimum of 180 days lead-time is given for necessary modification.

LOGISTIC SUPPORT:-

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1. Logistic support of Project AGATONE located at Ibadan would be essentially the same as at [REDACTED], however, an additional five days' pipe-line time can be figures on any item. This is due to MATS terminating in the Philippines area with reloading and rehipment required. MATS operates a limited schedule between the Philippines and Africa.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS:

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1. Both Ibadan and [REDACTED] can accommodate Project AGATONE, however, Ibadan would require up to 180 days' lead-time in order to make facilities available while [REDACTED] could possibly be made available within 21 days.

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2. Logistic support is available at either Ibadan or [REDACTED] in sufficient quantities to support the Project; however, Ibadan would require an additional five days' pipe-line time.

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